CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

CERTIFICATE OF FEE EXEMPTION

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Project Title

Amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Basins for the Control Program for Factors Contributing to the Dissolved Oxygen Impairment in the Stockton Deep Water Ship Channel

Project Proponent

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Project Description

The project consists of an amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Basins (Basin Plan). The purpose of the amendment is to establish a control program for factors contributing to the Dissolved Oxygen impairment in the Stockton Deep Water Ship Channel.

Findings of Exemption

An environmental checklist has been completed to evaluate the potential for adverse environmental impacts for this project. The environmental analysis did not find any direct significant impacts from the proposed project that would cause degradation of the environment or cause adverse effects on human beings. The project involves no potential for any significant adverse effect, either individually or cumulative, on wildlife resources or the habitat upon which wildlife depends.

Certification

I hereby certify that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region, has made the above findings of fact and that based upon the Environmental Checklist, written report, and hearing record the project will not individually or cumulatively have an adverse effect on wildlife resources, as defined in Section 711.2 of the Fish and Game Code.

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PAMELA C. CREEDON, Executive Officer Regional Water Quality Control Board	Date
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